

## **Weekly Police Beat for the week ending November 9, 2018**

### **Thieves Enter Construction Vehicles, Steal Wallets, Cell Phones in Daytime Spree**

*Two suspects arrested by County Police in nearby Friendship Heights*

At 1:43 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, a nanny employed by a resident on Grafton Street became an eyewitness to a theft from a construction van. She watched two men get out of a silver Toyota and approach a work van parked on Grafton near Cedar Parkway. One of the men smashed the driver's window of the van, unlock the door and enter it. When the suspects noticed that they had been seen, they got back into the silver Toyota and drove off in the direction of Chevy Chase Circle and out of sight. The astute eyewitness got the car's Maryland tag number (CTK 217), called 9-1-1 and reported the crime.

Village dispatcher John Beall saw the call information pop up on the county's dispatch screen that we have in our Communications Center. Before Montgomery County dispatched the call, Village dispatcher Beall immediately sent Village officers to the scene. County police responded as well to assist in the search for the suspects.

Village officers quickly learned that the suspect's silver Toyota had been stolen in the District of Columbia. Village officers immediately sent the lookout information to county and DC police officers. On-scene investigation revealed that, in addition to the theft witnessed by the nanny, the suspects had entered a second work van (this one was unlocked) parked in the same area. In total, the thieves stole two wallets and one cell phone from the vans on Grafton Street.

DC police arrived to exchange information with Village officers. The DC officers informed Village officers that they had received several similar theft reports throughout the day involving the same group of suspects, and they had been on the lookout for the stolen car for hours. The thieves were targeting construction vehicles and taking cell phones and wallets.

While Village officers were still on Grafton Street, a parking attendant in Friendship Heights witnessed two men tampering with a vehicle, and he called county police. County officers arrived quickly and detained two suspects. Investigation revealed that they were in possession of several cell phones and an expandable metal baton (possibly used to break car windows). County police arrested both suspects—a juvenile and an adult. Investigators are working to connect the pair with other similar events in the area.

As of this writing, the stolen car has not been recovered. The investigation continues.

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### **FREE to Residents: Prescription Drug Neutralizing Packets**

*First come, first served*

The Village Police Department has received 400 convenient, environmentally friendly medication deactivation zip lock-style pouches (see image below). Just drop in up to 45 pills, 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 medication patches into a pouch, add water, and zip the pouch closed. The entire package may then be discarded in your normal trash.

The pouches are free of charge to Village residents. Simply stop in at the window in the Village Hall lobby, and our communications clerks will be happy to supply you with up to 5 pouches per household while supplies last.

